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SUBJECT: ZHIVKOVA CALL ON ACTING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER

1. MME ZHIKOVA, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADORS POPOV AND DAMYANOV AND INTEPRETER, CALLED ON ACTING SECRETARY JUNE 15 FOR HALF HOUR DISCUSSION. BULGARIAN TV CREW FILMED HER ARRIVAL AND THE FIRST FEW MINUTES OF MEETING.

2. FOLLOWING USUAL COURTESIES, THE ACTING SECRETARY EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER PRESENCE IN NEW YORK OF THRACIAN EXHIBIT AND SIGNING OF CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. HE HOPED THAT THESE EVENTS WOULD PRESAGE MORE EXHIBITS AND EXCHANGES, NOT ONLY IN THE CULTURAL BUT ALSO THE SCIENTIFIC FIELD. ZHIKOVA RESPONDED THAT THE BULGARIAN SIDE WAS ALSO GRATIFIED BY THE EXHIBIT AND SIGNING. SHE POINTED OUT THAT FROM HER VIEWPOINT THE EXHIBIT OPENING AND THE AGREEMENT SIGNING WERE NOT PURE COINCIDENCE, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FUTURE EXCHANGES WILL MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SAME HIGH MORAL AND SPIRITUAL STANDARDS AS SYMBOLIZED BY THE THRACIAN TREASURES EXHIBIT.

3. THE ACTING SECRETARY EXPRESSED USG APPRECIATION TO THE GOB FOR ITS ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING DIVIDED FAMILIES CASES.

HE NOTED THAT THE REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES HAS NOT ONLY

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PERSONAL IMPORTANCE TO THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED BUT SYM-
BOLIC IMPORTANCE FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE ACTING
SECRETARY SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE RESOLU-
TION OF THE DIFFICULT MAREV CASE. ZHIVKOVA STATED THAT
SHE WAS HAPPY TO NOTE THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF US-
BULGARIAN RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS. SHE WAS CERTAIN THAT
RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AN ASCENDING LINE, AND
STATED THAT WE HAVE A DUTY AS NATIONS TO COMPENSATE FOR
WHAT HAS BEEN MISSED IN BILATERAL RELATIONS THUS FAR. THE
ACTING SECRETARY ASSURED HER THAT THE US WOULD DO WHAT IT
COULD TO IMPROVE RELATIONS.

4. THE ACTING SECRETARY BROACHED EAST-WEST RELATIONS,
NOTING THAT THE US IS ACTIVELY WORKING ON DETENTE WITH THE
USSR, WHICH HAS IMPORTANCE FOR THE ATMOSPHERE OF US-EAS-
TERN EUROPEAN, AND SPECIFICALLY US-BULGARIAN, RELATIONS.
HE EXPRESSED HOPE FOR PROGRESS IN RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW.
ZHIVKOVA AGREED THAT A WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
SUPERPOWERS IS THE ONLY REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE AND WILL
DEFINE THE WORLD'S FUTURE. SHE SAID SHE REJECTED THE NO-
TION ADVANCED BY "SOME SPECIALISTS" THAT BY CURBING ARMS
AND MILITARY TECHNOLOGY WE CURB THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE.
SHE EMPHASIZED THAT HUMAN PROGRESS CAN BE A REALITY ONLY
WHEN ALL RESOURCES ARE FOCUSSED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
HUMANITY IN GENERAL AND THE "INDIVIDUAL" IN PARTICULAR.

5. AMBASSADOR POPOV INTERJECTED A QUESTION ABOUT MFN. THE
ACTING SECRETARY NOTED THAT HE HAD NO NEWS TO REPORT ON
MFN FRONT, BUT POINTED OUT THAT OVERALL DEVEL0PMENTS, AND
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IMPROVING RELATIONS, CAN FACILITATE PROGRESS IN THAT FIELD
ALSO. HE ADDED THAT THE MFN ISSUE IS ROOTED IN THE
ADMINISTRATION'S RELATIONS WITH CONGRESS. ZHIVKOVA NOTED
HER BELIEF THAT INTENSIFIED CULTURAL RELATIONS WILL LEAD
TO IMPROVED RELATIONS IN OTHER AREAS AS WELL.

6. THE ACTING SECRETARY AGREED THAT AN EXCHANGE OF PEOPLES
AND IDEAS CAN INFLUENCE COMMERCIAL TIES. IN THAT REGARD,
HE NOTED THAT HE MAY ATTEND THE MAIN BELGRADE CONFERENCE
ON CSCE FOLLOW-UP. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE US ATTACHES
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT, AND
GIVES EQUAL WEIGHT TO EACH OF THE BASKETS. THE US HAS
NO INTENTION OF PROVOKING A CONFRONTATION AND DOES NOT
WISH TO PUT ANY ONE "IN THE DOCK" IN BELGRADE, BUT SEEKS
A CAREFUL REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS UNDER THE
FINAL ACT. HE HOPED THAT THE GOB WOULD REGARD THE
APPROACH AS CONSTRUCTIVE. ZHIVKOVA STATED THAT THE GOB

OULD MAKE A STATEMENT AT BELGRADE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF

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EXAMINING ALL THREE BASKETS. SHE NOTED THAT THE THIRD BASKET NOW SEEMED THE MOST "POPULAR", BUT ASSERTED THAT "BASKET THREE WILL REMAIN EMPTY IF BASKET ONE AND TWO ARE NOT FILLED."

7. ZHIVKOVA ENDED DISCUSSION BY EXTENDING HER GRATITUDE FOR THE HOSPITALITY AND ATTENTION WHICH SHE AND HER DELEGATION HAD RECEIVED. SHE NOTED THAT REGARDLESS OF THE BREVITY OF HER VISIT SHE HAS A SUFFICIENT IMPRESSION OF THE US TO KNOW THAT SHE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS IMPROVED RELATIONS. ACTING SECRETARY EXPRESSED US PLEASURE OVER THE VISIT, PASSED SECRETARY VANCE'S GREETINGS TO ZHIVKOVA, AND SAID THAT BOTH HE AND THE SECRETARY APPRECIATE THE REAL CONTRIBUTION ZHIVKOVA HAS MADE TO US-BULGARIAN RELATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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